

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, restriction was required as follows:

- Group I claims 35-42 directed to “a system for receiving input facial images”; and
- Group II claims 43-52 directed to “a method for building a database of facial
orientation of image templates”.

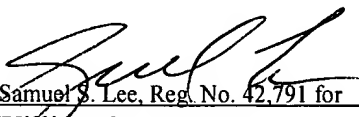
Without commenting on the accuracy of the Examiner’s characterization of the subject matter of the respective groups of claims, Applicant elects, **without traverse**, Group I, claims 35-42 for further prosecution in the present application. To simplify the prosecution of this application, non-elected claims 43-52 are canceled.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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